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ANGLO-FRENCH AGREEMENT ON ITALO-ABYSSINIAN PEACE TERMS



The sensational decision of Kwok Chun-hang, above, to return to Australia and not to go to the Berlin Games as was hoped will be found on page 4 of this issue.

SILVER MARKET COLLAPSE U.S. TREASURY STOPS BUYING ORDERS OFFICIALS REFUSE TO COMMENT

London, To-day.

The events in yesterday's silver market are explained to Reuter by silver circles as follows:

The offerings were more or less considerable, following the attitude adopted by the United States Treasury on Monday. After meeting at the usual time the brokers decided to suspend the session, hoping that America would send buying orders for all the offerings.

On resumption they found that the Treasury, despite repeated appeals, was not prepared to absorb the offerings but only to buy a limited amount, estimated at one-seventh of the total, at a rate lower than Monday's. The brokers had no alternative but not to fix prices owing to the rule that all offerings must be absorbed for the fixing of prices.

Well-informed outside quarters intimated that the greater part of the offerings were for forward silver. It was understood that America was willing to buy 2,000,000 ounces spot at 23%, whereas the brokers received selling orders for 5,000,000 ounces. The forward offerings were estimated to be in the region of 12,000,000 ounces.

Washington: In the temporary absence of Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Treasury officials yesterday refused to comment on the collapse of the London silver market owing to the lack of buyers, but it is learned that Mr. Morgenthau was fully informed of the situation, which brokers attribute to the absence of offers from the United States.

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New York Circles In Dark

NO OPINIONS VENTURED



In the temporary absence of Mr. Henry Morgenthau, above, U.S. Treasury officials yesterday refused to comment on the collapse of the London silver market.

It is understood that yesterday's Treasury bids on the London market were so ridiculously low as to preclude the fixing of the price of the metal in London.

Meanwhile, unless buyers are found on the New York market, there will be no price fixed for foreign silver in New York.

LOCAL INTEREST

New York, Later: With the Treasury apparently unwilling to show its hand, local observers are inclined to the view that the present impasse is a result of the Chinese attempts to acquire foreign exchange by heavy silver offerings in London.

It is felt that the problem involved is whether or not the Treasury shall "Hold the Bag" at a level convenient to Nanking and to the Hong Kong Government.

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No Quotations Fixed Yesterday

London: The Silver Market was again disorganized yesterday. At the opening there was a lull in the cash quotation of fine silver to 23% per ounce, a fall of 2 5/16d. from the previous day's price, whilst the three-months forward price of fine silver was a nominal market.

After a suspension of dealing for two hours, on its being found that only a small amount was bid against selling orders for approximately 10,000,000 ounces, it was decided not to fix quotations for silver yesterday. British Wireless Service.

AIR LINER CRASHES

BELGIAN MACHINE WRECKED

ALL ELEVEN PERSONS ON BOARD KILLED

GRAPHIC TALE BY EYE-WITNESS

London, To-day.

A passenger airliner on the Brussels to London run crashed at Tastfield, Kent, last night, the machine being completely wrecked. All eleven passengers, including a crew of three, were killed. The dead include two Englishmen, one of them Sir John Carden.

The airliner belonged to the Belgian Sabena Air Line. It is understood that the Belgian State is the chief shareholder in the Sabena company. The pilot and three members of the crew were all Belgians. In addition to two British passengers, it is understood that the plane carried four Germans, two of them women, and one Belgian passenger.

WING HITS TREETOPS

Later: The crash occurred at the summit of Pitsie Hill, near Biggin Hill air station beacon. The machine was flying low, apparently because of an ice formation on the wings.

The people of the neighbourhood saw one wing crash into the treetops on a small hill. The wing appeared to fall and the machine staggered. The pilot apparently tried to gain height, but crashed and the machine was completely wrecked. Parts littered the woods for about 100 yards around.

An eye-witness related that he heard the noise of the crash and rushed out of the house. He saw a mass of crumpled fabrics and steel and assisted in getting some of the bodies out.

"We were able to get five out," he said. "One woman was decapitated and the other occupants were badly crushed by portions of the machine." The well-known engineer-designer of Carden aero-engines also participated in the design of army tanks. Reuter.

FINLAND TO PAY DEBT INSTALMENT TO U.S.A.

Helsingfors, To-day. The Finnish Government has notified the United States Government that it will pay promptly the instalment on the debt service due on December 15, 1935. Trans-Ocean Service.



The American Army and Marine Corps are learning lessons in war from the Italian campaigners in Ethiopia, with these men acting as their observers: (l. to r.) Maj. Norman Fiske, Army; Col. Pedro de Vallee, Marine Corps; Capt. John Meade, Army. Meanwhile, the General Staff in Washington is reported to be fighting the war on paper to benefit from the Italian and Ethiopian mistakes.

ONLY FIRST STEP ON DIFFICULT PATH EDEN OUTLINES THREE MAIN PRINCIPLES SUBMISSION TO LEAGUE BEFORE PUBLICATION

London, To-day.

In the House of Commons the Labour members insisted on a division against the Address, as a protest against the reported Paris peace proposals, but the motion was defeated by 281 votes to 139. Mr. Anthony Eden previously described the press reports as most inaccurate.

The principle that any proposals must be acceptable to the League Italy and Abyssinia remains the policy of the British Government, declared Mr. Anthony Eden in the House of Commons, replying to Labourite criticism on the reported Paris peace.

Mr. Lees-Smith, the spokesman of Labour, had declared that if only half of what had been reported was correct it was a contradiction of the League Covenant and the abandonment of the foundation on which the Government had fought the election.

Mr. Eden, replying, again affirmed the aforesaid statement of policy and emphasised that the Paris proposals were only the first step in a long and complicated enterprise. He said that the three main principles on which the proposals were based were:

(1) An exchange of territory definitely advantageous to both;

(2) League assistance towards Ethiopia for the purpose of social, economic and administrative developments;

(3) Special facilities for Italian settlers and companies in connection with economic developments.

Mr. Eden described many press reports as most inaccurate and others as mutually contradictory.

He said it was impossible at present to publish the proposals. It would be unprecedented to publish them before they were communicated to the principals or the League.

GIFT OF GOLD FROM AIR MINISTRY

60 Kilogrammes Taken At Fete In Rome

POET SACRIFICES ALL DECORATIONS

CHINA BANK "SPECIAL"

Rome, To-day. Some 60 kilogrammes of gold to help the cause of the fatherland in the Abyssinian conflict was collected yesterday in all parts of Italy during the celebration of the fete of the Madonna of Loretto, the Patron Saint of airmanship. The Under-Secretary for Aviation handed the gold contribution from officials of the Ministry and the visitors of Italy to the capital.

The Italian poet D'Annunzio, whom the Italian people regard as the conqueror of Fiume, has sacrificed all his gold medals and orders to the cause of his country. Among the collection sent to Signor Mussolini is the Grand Cross of a British Order conferred on him during the war.

CLASH NEAR ADDI ENCATO

The 67th Italian war bulletin states that on the Eritrean front the Italian sections of the Takkaze River and the neighbourhood south of Addi Encaito came into collision with a group of armed Abyssinians, whom they dispersed with a bayonet charge, leaving 15 dead, while the Italian losses were two native non-commissioned officers and five Askaris killed. — Trans-Ocean Service.

declaration from France that the proposals must be acceptable to the League and the Negus as well as to Italy. The agreement reached gave satisfaction to the British Government.

According to one French source the modifications finally agreed upon a compromise involving a considerable diminution of the territory in Eritre to be conceded to Italy and a modification of the Italian rights in the territories proposed to be thrown open for colonization, but remaining under the sovereignty of the Negus. — Reuter.

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PARIS, To-day.

POLITICAL MANOEUVRE BY POWERS? ROME AWAITING DEVELOPMENTS

The optimism prevailing here since the announcement of the Franco-British agreement about the basis of the plan for the settlement of the Abyssinian conflict declined considerably yesterday. For though the press reports from Rome agree that Signor Mussolini is inclined to accept the Franco-British proposals as a basis for negotiations, at which he would try to get still further concessions, the news from London seems to confirm the fear of far-reaching differences inside the British Cabinet itself.

The fact that after a talk with Mr. Eden, Mr. Stanley Baldwin yesterday evening, suddenly called a Cabinet meeting to deliberate further on the Paris plan caused great astonishment here. One serious difficulty seems to be that Mr. Eden insists that the Paris plan not only requires the approval of the League of Nations but also of the Negus before it will have the endorsement of the British Cabinet.

SETBACK TO SETTLEMENT

This, according to French opinion considerably reduces the chances of success because it is not believed that the Negus will consent to such great territorial secessions. The expectation here was that the British Government would exert increasing pressure on the Emperor to enforce his assent, whereupon the Franco-British solidarity in Geneva would have sufficed to overcome all opposition that might arise from the smaller States.

That the League of Nations would endorse the Paris plan if it were rejected by the Negus is considered here out of the question.

M. Laval leaves for Geneva today, and Mr. Eden also. If both Ministers travel by the same train they will have the opportunity for an exchange of opinions again before the resumption of the pro-

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FIGHTING ENDS AT KUYUAN

Manchukuo Troops Still In Vicinity

Beiping, To-day.

A message from Kalgan states that fighting has ceased at Kuyuan, but Manchukuo troops are still facing Paocantu. The Paocantu casualties are stated to be 13 wounded, all of whom have been taken to Changpei for treatment.

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Nanking troops in Kweichow

claim that the Communists have

retreated to Western Human

but the whereabouts of the marauders is

not exactly known. Press reports

state that their total strength is

about 30,000 men, with 15,000

rifles, some machine guns and big

artillery.

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Dec. 13

FROM JAPAN

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Buenos Aires Maru 13
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RAIN BRINGS NEW STYLES

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A snake-skin cape and snake-skin brimmed hat were more novel than attractive.

So are berets and bags of fish and frog-skin. Frog-skin looks like green satin when made up.

THE BEST USE OF TRANSFERS

Hints For Women Who Embroider

If the best use is to be made of transfers, not only should various precautions be taken in the ironing off, but first of all the question of the design itself should be considered. Too often the transfer is dumped down as it stands, whereas, since it was not designed for the special purpose, it is probable that slight alteration and adjustments will give much better results. Supposing it is a bunch of flowers we plan to use for a tea-cosy; as likely, as not, by the time it is worked it will look too heavy, too solid for our liking. But a judicious snipping-out of a spray here, or the thinning-out of a flower cluster there, will make all the difference. We may, perhaps, be able to make use of some of the little starry flowers that we have cut out as a powdering pattern to be used at regular intervals on the background material, but anyway we shall have a design more fitted to our particular needs.

Use Damp Cloth

Before the transfer is pinned—better still, tacked—in place a test should be made by cutting off the number and seeing how it irons off on a scrap of the material. If it comes off badly, it will probably be, that the surface of the stuff is too rough, in which case it should be pressed, with a damp cloth between it and the iron, before attempting to mark off the transfer. It may be, of course, that the iron is not sufficiently hot, but this is a fault on the right side, as too hot an iron may, in the case of artificial silk, be bad, for the material as well as causing the lines of the design to spread too much. Should the out-liners show through the stickery when the work is finished, methylated spirits can be used to remove them, the material first being damped with it and then lightly rubbed with wads of cotton wool soaked in it. But it is an awkward job, and certainly a case of prevention being better than cure.

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WOMEN'S PAGE

Rain Brings New Styles

Powder Puff In Gloves

Heavy rains and grey skies in Paris have brought out new rain-proof coats and hats. Some of them are made of fish-skin and snake-skin.

At the races recently a white rubber "swagger coat" and close-fitting turban to match were much admired.

Instead of carrying a handbag, the wearer of this outfit had one fitted into the pocket of her coat. One of the gauntlets of her white rubber gloves had a small pocket for powder puff and handkerchief.

Another woman had a red oil-skin "swagger coat." With it she wore a red oilskin beret, and had a small bag attached to the handle of her bright red umbrella.

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Furless Coat Gets Approval

GRACEFUL NECK REQUISITE

Charm And Poise

A graceful neck—smooth and white, with no lump at the back—is one of the first requisites of charm and beauty. The woman who holds her head high with chin up—not pulled in or thrust forward—looks well in any type of dress and has self-assurance that makes others conscious of her charm and poise.

Furthermore, correct neck posture is extremely important to health and physical comfort. When the upper vertebrae of your spinal column are curved forward, circulation to the brain is hindered somewhat and, of course, muscles will become cramped and uncomfortable causing aches and pains in the back of your neck. As you undoubtedly know, an aching neck can spoil the best position, not to mention the frown lines and worried look that go with it.

Hold Head High To alleviate a curve and the lump which detracts from your appearance, get into the habit of holding your head as though you were being pulled upward. Stand with arms at your sides and make believe a wire, fastened to the ceiling, is tied to a lock of hair in the centre of your head. Imagine that the wire is pulling your head up, up, up. If necessary, place your hands just behind your ears and let them share the work of the imaginary wire. If you do this correctly, your neck will straighten out and the little lump will disappear.

If you are serious about having a lovely neck, sleep without a pillow and choose clothes which have no back-of-the-neck trim which tends to make you wavy.

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Sporting Page



KWOK CHUN-HANG REFUSES HONOUR OF COMPETING AT BERLIN



DECIDES TO RETURN TO AUSTRALIA STUDY-BEFORE-PLAY DECISION

PARENTS OPPOSE SURPRISE MOVE

(By "Crawl")

KWOK CHUN-HANG, the Melbourne Centenary, Australian, China, Colony and Interport Breast-stroke swimming champion, has figured in one of the biggest sensations in China's sporting world as the result of his definite decision to return to study in Australia immediately, thereby throwing to the winds a wonderful opportunity of representing China in the Eleventh World Olympiad, to be held in Berlin next July.

Kwok Chun-hang returned from a triumphant visit to Australia to take both the Colony and Interport breast-stroke titles for a second time, and followed up these achievements by securing the China National titles in the 100 and 200 Metres at the new Civic Centre Pool in Shanghai.

While in the northern port, he decided to remain there to continue his studies at the St. John's University, but Shanghai evidently disagreed with him and, on the advice of a friend who accompanied him to Australia, he has definitely decided to return there to further his studies.

His elder brother and family are firmly opposed to this idea, as they had sincerely hoped that he would go to the Berlin Games with the China contingent, and even now they are trying to persuade him to change his mind.

His Hong Kong and Canton swimming friends, who learned their swimming at the same time as he did, are also making an attempt to restrain him from throwing away a marvellous opportunity.

A brilliant swimmer who has excelled in all departments of aquatics, and with a wonderful opportunity of representing China against the pick of the world, Kwok Chung-hang would indeed be foolish even to contemplate going to Australia instead of to Berlin.

Playing the ninth hole, measuring 110 yards, in the Hertfordshire Alliance Foursome Competition for the Sir Alexander Grant Cup, he hit a perfect shot which covered the pin all the way.

Bump! The ball bounced 2ft. from the pin, hit the stick, and looked likely to drop into the tin.

MIXED DOUBLES FIRST ROUND RESULT

T. A. Pearce and Mrs. J. Rice-Evans beat S. A. Gray and Miss A. Mackenzie by 6-4, 6-2 in the First Round of the Colony Mixed Doubles' Lawn Tennis Championship at the K.C.C. yesterday.

Unhappily, it just glanced away and stopped 2in from the hole!

Second Disappointment

This is the Moor Park veteran's second disappointment. Playing at Huddersfield three years ago he held out in one and thought it was his 20th performance of golf's greatest fuke.

Records were consulted. Then it was discovered that Herd was one out in his reckoning—it was his 19th, and not his 20th hole in one.

Curiously enough, since he went to Moor Park a dozen years ago, Herd has only once holed his tee shot. That was in November, 1929.

Coombe Hill has been his favourite course for performing the feat, for he has had 13 "ones" on the course.

As Keen As Ever

A native of St. Andrews and a member of the famous quartette—James Braid, Harry Vardon, and J. H. Taylor were the other three—"Sandy" Herd has lost none of his old enthusiasm for golf.

His is as keen as ever. And with the passing of the years, George Greenwood tells me, the famous Scot has lost none of his old style or mannerisms.

He is not an undemonstrative player. There are times when he addresses pleasant and kindly words to the ball—and then are other times!

Again, the famous "waggle" is still in full motion. Very deliberately he "waggle" the club 14 times before his swing, then away goes the ball crisp and clean.

DECIDES TO RETURN TO AUSTRALIA STUDY-BEFORE-PLAY DECISION

PARENTS OPPOSE SURPRISE MOVE

Chan Chiu, above, has played a big part in the Chinese Police soccer eleven's success to date.

SOLID GOLD PUTTER

"SANDY" HERD JUST LOSES BY A BUMP

20th-Hole-In-One Promise

FAMOUS SCOT RETAINS HIS "WAGGLE"

London, November 1. "Sandy" Herd, the 67-years-old Moor Park professional, came within a couple of inches of winning a solid gold putter when playing on the Oxhey Club's course yesterday.

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Playing the ninth hole, measuring 110 yards, in the Hertfordshire Alliance Foursome Competition for the Sir Alexander Grant Cup, he hit a perfect shot which covered the pin all the way.

Bump! The ball bounced 2ft. from the pin, hit the stick, and looked likely to drop into the tin.

JOCK McAVOY WINS CHANCE FOR TITLE BOUT

With Decision Over Young McCoy

RECREIO "B" BADMINTON SUCCESS



M. P. Madar, above, is considered to be one of the steadiest bats in the I.R.C. first eleven, but has not shown very impressive form so far this season.

ST. ANDREW'S "B" LUCKY

But "A" Team Record Clean Sweep

RECREIO "B" BADMINTON SUCCESS

The St. Andrew's "B" team were rather fortunate to beat the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home by the odd set in nine in the Men's Doubles Badminton League last night at Wan Chai, while the St. Andrew's "A" obtained an overwhelming win over the Kowloon Tong Club by securing all nine sets.

In spite of having the services of W. Lawrence, who played for the first time this season, the Victoria Recreation Club could only manage to win one set in their encounter against the Club de Recreio "B" team at King's Park.

The results of the games were as follows:

Kowloon Tong Routed

At St. Andrew's Church Hall last night the Kowloon Tong Club were beaten by the St. Andrew's "A" team by 9 sets to nil:

E. F. Fischer and H. Kew (St. Andrew's "A")—beat G. A. White and S. A. Gray 21—3
beat J. Pong and P. Leung 21—4
beat H. Chan and R. K. Wong 21—0
A. E. P. Guest and F. A. Broadbridge (St. Andrew's "A")—beat White and Gray 21—3
beat Pong and Leung 21—8
beat Chan and Wong 21—7
S. V. Wong and R. H. Wong (St. Andrew's "A")—beat White and Gray 23—20
beat Pong and Leung 21—2
beat Chan and Wong 21—15

POINTLESS DRAW

Oxford Backs Fritter Away Chances

DEADLY TACKLING FEATURES THRILLING MATCH

London, To-day.

Oxford University held Cambridge to a pointless draw in their annual Rugby fixture at Twickenham yesterday in a match that was thrilling if not spectacular.

The Oxford backs had many chances of breaking through, but were not good as an attacking line, while the star Cambridge threequarters were completely bottled up by the deadly tackling of their opposite members.

This was the first pointless draw since 1892—Reuter.

The teams were:

Oxford University—Stuart Watson (Loretto), Obolensky (Trent College), Walford (Rugby), Harding (Tombridge), Bees Jones (Ipswich), Grieve (Ampleforth), McShane (Australia), Brett (Durham), McGrath (Stonyhurst), Pieman (South Africa), Disney (Cheltenham), Reid (Uppingham), M. C. G. Cooper (New Zealand), Bloxham (King Edward), Hughes (St. David's).

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LOOKING AHEAD TO THE OLYMPIC GAMES

(Continued from Page 4)

We cannot expect our men to jump straight into the front rank of the world's best after no more than a fortnight or three weeks of concentrated training, but at least it is good to know that some of them have been put on the road to achieve that distinction.

Encouraging
In his report to the A.A.A. on the results of this year's school, Mikkola says, "I feel it will not take many years before English field events men will perform just as brilliantly as English runners have done in the past."

"There is no lack of material. Englishmen are large enough and strong enough, and they surely possess the same qualities as the runners have shown."

As to that, there can be no doubt. The qualities are there; the job is to develop them. And the summer school idea is a sound one. The one point for criticism is the shortness of the period during which the expert tuition is available. That, and the paucity of sports programmes which contain field events. Improvement in these two respects would be both welcome and beneficial.

Strenuous Opposition

Let us make no mistake about it: we shall be up against strong stuff at Berlin!

To begin with, the Germans have never won a man's event at any Olympiad, and are making very earnest preparations to "break their duck," particularly as they will be performing before their own people.

As to that, however, we shall see. The one thing we may be sure about is that (unless previously ordered so to do) no thoroughbred Aryan will stop to give a "Heil Hitler" salute in the middle of a sprint.

But there are others than Germans, and a point of great moment as showing the spread of worldwide interest in the Games is that the coloured peoples are beginning to set their stalls out.

Negro Athletes
From the United States comes the news that a training college for negroes is likely to be established, the originator of the scheme being Jesse Owens, the young black student of Ohio State University who is credited with having beaten three world records in one afternoon last summer.

Were the scheme to come to fruition, it would be no mean threat to the supremacy of white athletes, for the blacks of America can already put some extraordinarily good men in the field.

Eddie Tolar carried off the sprint double at Los Angeles, Elvaze Peacock is said to have run the 100yds. in 9 1-5 seconds and covered 26ft. in the long jump. E. L. Gordon won the Los Angeles long jump, and our London negro, Jack London, won the English 100yds. championship and was runner-up at Los Angeles.

Japanese Hopes
The yellow races will also have to be reckoned with in the near future. Cuchi Nambu, who holds the official world records for the long jump (26ft. 2 1/2 in.) and the hop-step-jump (51ft. 7in.), is supervising the special Olympic training of 26 picked Japanese athletes.

Even China has formed a Ministry of Physical Education and is building a huge stadium in anticipation of receiving its turn as an Olympic venue.

C.B.A. SEVEN-A-SIDE HOCKEY WIN

HONG KONG LADIES ARE OUTPACED

MISS BRYSON'S BRILLIANCE

Due to the fact that the ground had not been marked properly, the seven-a-side hockey match between the Hong Kong Ladies "A" and the C.B.A. Ladies, on the latter's ground last evening, was played on a full-sized field with the result that the ladies had more running about to do than they bargained for!

The C.B.A. Ladies won by the only goal scored during the match. Miss M. Smith finding the net with a shot from a difficult angle. The winners were much the faster team, and it was due to this advantage that they did most of the pressing.

Miss M. Bryson was head and shoulders above everybody else on the field, while Miss M. Smith on the right-wing of the winning team was also prominent.

But for the fact that Miss E. Grey, at full-back, played a sterling game, the Hong Kong Ladies might have been beaten by a bigger margin. The Hong Kong Ladies' forwards made the fatal mistake of not dropping back to help the defence when hard pressed, and it was here that the C.B.A. forwards scored over their opponents.

FEAT WITHOUT PARALLEL

Two Brothers Each Score Twice

ARSENAL'S FOURTH TITLE DREAM FADES AWAY

(By LEIGHTON)

London, October 21.

While the players of Manchester City were helping England to win at Belfast the substitutes in the Manchester side were helpless against North End at Preston.

In this game the brother Scots, Frank and Hugh O'Donnell, each scored two goals.

The football history books will show few parallels to this feat by brothers playing for the same side. As a result of this victory Preston North End advanced two places in the League table.

Champions Lose

Arsenal, who shared with Manchester City the distinction of having three players in the international match, lost by a goal margin at Portsmouth. That fourth successive championship dream cannot now be quite so real.

There are penalties attached to fame, as Arsenal have discovered. They scored the first goal, but Portsmouth claimed two afterwards.

above, for at Los Angeles Japan won one event (hop-skip-and-jump by Nambu) and scored a couple of third placings, four fifths and four sixths.

From all of which it would seem that, stern though the struggles have been in Olympic arenas in the past, we are likely to see them still more so at Berlin, and the moral for our athletes of promise is that they must get about the business of training in earnest at the earliest opportunity.

Even China has formed a Ministry of Physical Education and is building a huge stadium in anticipation of receiving its turn as an Olympic venue.

The game started with the C.B.A. pressing, and from the bully-oo Miss Bryson was prominent for some excellent play. It was when she brought the ball down the field and passed to Miss Smith that the latter scored.

Mrs. White Misses

Immediately after this the Hong Kong Ladies attacked strongly for a few minutes, but nothing resulted, for the C.B.A. defence were equal to the occasion and cleared in great style.

Once again the C.B.A. looked as though they were going to add to their score, but, though unmarked, Mrs. White missed a "sitter". The final whistle sounded without any alteration to the score sheet.

H. K. Ladies "A":

Miss E. Grey

and Miss E. Hebbell

Miss C. Ferguson

and Miss M. Bell

Miss F. Marsh

Miss J. Dalglish

and Miss M. Smalley

C. B. A. Ladies:—Miss J. Walker

and Miss P. Woolley

Miss M. Bryson

and Miss L. Wooley

Miss R. Blackmore

Mrs. White and Miss R. Blackmore.

ANOTHER DRAW IN CHESS TOURNEY

But Dr. Euwe Is Near Victory

CHINA MAIL SPECIAL

Amsterdam, To-day. The 28th game for the world chess championship, between Dr. Euwe and Dr. Alekhine, which was interrupted on Sunday after 40 moves, with Dr. Alekhine one pawn ahead, but hardly in a winning position, was continued here on Monday and ended in a draw.

The score stands at Dr. Euwe nine, Dr. Alekhine eight, while 11 games have been drawn. The battle for supremacy between the two champions is now nearing its end. The next game, which will be played in Amsterdam to-morrow, will be the penultimate of the match if Dr. Euwe should win. Trans-Ocean Service.

NEXT YEAR'S DERBY

Favourite in The Aga Khan's Stable

London, November 1.—When the Aga Khan won the Derby this year with Bahram it was stated that he had something just as good for next year.

The colt was Bala Hissar, by the famous Blandford, sire of Bahram, out of the Volens, dam of Theft.

Bala Hissar was late in coming out. He did not appear until the First October Meeting, when he was beaten. But yesterday he won in very promising style.

He has also won over the critics, who are now singing his praises. Moreover, he has gone up to the top in the betting, and at 2 to 1 is now equal favourite with Abier for next year's Derby.

TYLDESLEY'S SUCCESSOR

Jim Bailey, the left-handed all-rounder, who played cricket for Hampshire for seven seasons— from 1927 to 1933—and then was on the staff of Middlesex for two seasons, has been appointed professional to Accrington, the Lancashire League club, in succession to Dick Tyldesley.

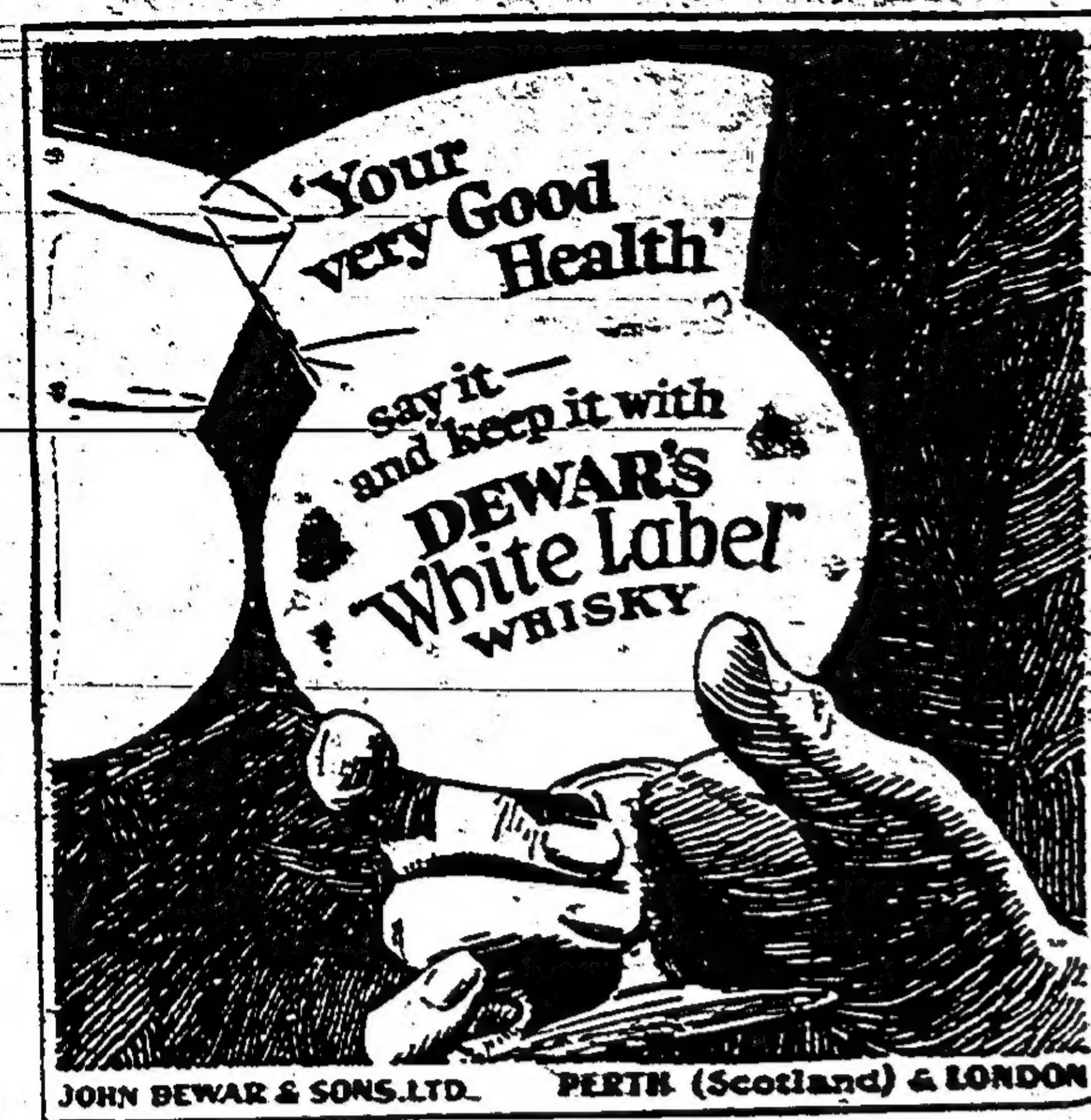
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**EXPLANATION OF
YESTERDAY'S
CARTOON**

The Duke's Starvation

FREDERICK August, ruling Duke of Anhalt-Zerbst (1734-1793), who was the brother of Empress Catherine II of Russia, was in Luxembourg when he learned of the execution of King Louis XVI of France on January 21, 1793. He was so shocked at this blow to royal dignity that he immediately started on a complete fast of 43 days, which ended with his death from starvation in March, 1793.

The Duke is famous as the man who sold 1,150 of his soldiers to England for the purpose of fighting the American "rebels" in the Revolutionary War.

Paradoxical Diplomacy

It may well be that in the days of the old diplomacy there were situations as paradoxical as those that we can see to-day, but the new habit of dealing with fundamental questions thrusts the oddity under our notice in a way that the older school would have taken great pains to avoid. After personal introductions the Naval Conference met on Monday in London to consider the reduction of their fleets, a move which is only rational on the ground that a long period of peace is expected. Next week the Sanctions Committee is to meet because there is not actually a state of peace but rather a state of local war, which one of the parties at any rate considers likely to be enlarged into a general, or at least a wider, war, in which all parties would require all the ships they can commission. It must be obvious that there is some explanation to be found, but it is not easy to be satisfied with such an interpretation as that it is only due to the personal eccentricities of this or that individual.

One reading of the omens is that Signor Mussolini aims at an amendment of the terms of the Covenant which would confine it to Europe, on the lines of M. Briand's proposal of a "United States of Europe." He argues—without any authority from the text of any treaty whatever—that he has not broken any obligation because the present war is "merely colonial." He claims therefore to take part in the deliberations of the League and of the Naval Conference as though nothing had happened to interrupt the peace-seeking engagements arrived at at Stresa. The policy of keeping everyone "in the Council Chamber" if they are ready to take a seat there is sound, but the world has grown too small for that sort of argument.

Nor is there any need to take it too seriously, for it looks like a late afterthought. Yet again it is wise to lay logic on one side. One experienced writer on foreign affairs considers that by remaining in the League in spite of the condemnation by so many other States "Mussolini has done the biggest thing in his career." The meaning of the remark is that he thereby admits and declares the necessity of peace and alliance with the peace-loving nations of Europe for the preservation of at least European peace, and recognises that it is only possible to attain that object by strengthening the League. That he policy ignores the fact that if he succeeds in carrying out his African campaign in the teeth of the sanctions he would destroy the League utterly. How is it possible to reconcile this double-headed plan of action with consistency? There is only one supposition that will do so: he calculates that the same motives will weigh with the other member States heavily enough to make them hold their hands from the one measure that would be effective—the enforcement of the sanctions by a blockade. If they bided at the last hurdle he would have won a resounding diplomatic victory. If they did not, he could then—with good grace fight for King and country, point out that he has only the chance of being allowed to do so, and go on to do so or going further to have his dreams a bit of nerve, or who will or for those who have more nerve, and the Chinese bided their time to carry out their designs, and bring on the decision of conquest.

What is there in our present experience of the vicious circle that is likely to deter men from the old attempt to solve their problems by war? The anticipations of future horrors does not seem to shake the lack of imagination of the ordinary human being. And it is quite true that a peace based on the calculations of fear would not be the sort of peace that inspires men to make the most of their civilisation. A much stronger motive with thoughtful people is the impossibility of making a war the means of securing a good peace. Those who are blamed for the mistakes of the Versailles Conference retort that they did their best. That may be so, but if that be admitted it is only a stronger argument for having no hope of anything better coming out of similar circumstances. A cynic has remarked that "we told the men last time that they were fighting a war to end war; the next time we must do it." It seems at present as if the country that is determined to fight can defy all the rest of the world that is not equally determined to fight. The 52 nations simply cannot afford to allow themselves to be defeated. Jibes about the militarist pacifists may be witty, but it does seem that next week there will be decided the great question whether or not the will of the majority of the nations is to prevail or not. If the answer is negative we shall not have much respite before another old-style war is upon us, and those who have decided that they will no longer be bound by the old rules of warfare will have the chance of doing so or going further to have their dreams a bit of nerve, or who will or for those who have more nerve, and the Chinese bided their time to carry out their designs, and bring on the decision of conquest.

Here
There
and
Everywhere.

DUM-DUM

Dum-dum bullets, the use of which in the Abyssinian war has been strenuously denied by both sides, take their name from the cantonment of Dum-dum, near Calcutta.

Dum-dum was the headquarters of the Bengal Artillery from 1788 to 1833. Later it was famous for its ammunition factory. It was there that the hollow-nosed "dum-dum" were first manufactured. An international declaration was made at the Hague Conference of 1899 forbidding the use of such bullets.

FOR STOPPING BIG GAME

By strict definition a dum-dum is a lead bullet of which the nickel covering at the point has been removed. It expands on penetrating and causes a terrible wound, particularly if it strikes a bone.

In stalking and big-game hunting a "soft-nosed" bullet is generally used. This also "mushrooms." A nickel bullet frequently goes right through the animal and has little stopping effect.

A lion shot by a nickel bullet has been known to kill the five and as many as four other people before dying.

Your Daily Smile!

In a certain district in East Africa is a Resident Magistrate. When he is away a doctor acts for him. Recently each agreed that he had broken the law by riding at night without a light. Both thought that the law would be vindicated if each appeared in court before the other.

The magistrate sat first and fined the doctor £5. When it was the doctor's turn to administer the law, he fined the magistrate £20.

The magistrate looked astounded, but the doctor justified his severity by emphasising that an example was needed, since obviously the offence was becoming a common one; there had been a similar case that very day.

SO IT SEEMS

"Say, dad, the early birds don't get all the worms, do they?" "Why, I always understand they did."

"No, the early apples get some of them."

IN PLAIN ENGLISH

Bill—"I love you, dear, more than anything else in the world."

Agnes—"I am sorry that I cannot return it, yet I shall always respect your taste."

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Two Categories

For practical purposes those who are overweight fall into two categories: those in whom the excess is an established and obvious factor, and those (a very large class) who are conscious that they are definitely beginning to put on weight.

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**SLIMMING IS ALSO
FOR MEN**

**SUPERFLUOUS FLESH
UNNECESSARY**

**BALANCED DIET WITH NO
STARCHY FOODS NEEDED**

(By A Medical Correspondent)

I would impress upon all who intend to slim the necessity for a preliminary medical examination and in every case the approval of their doctors.

Some there are who are constitutionally fat; reduce them and they feel less well and less active; often in such cases theirs is what may be termed a healthy obesity.

These instances, however, are few and far between, and doctors as a whole are agreed that the more closely an individual approaches the ideal weight for age and height the more healthy will he be.

Ideal Weight

One is often asked, "What is my ideal weight, doctor?" For a completely accurate answer special statistical tables must be consulted, but a reasonably approximate estimation may be made by the use of the following simple formula:—Multiply the number of inches above 5 ft. by the constant 5.5 and add to this 110.

As an example, a man 5 ft. 6 in. should weigh: 6 (inches over 5 ft.) multiplied by 5.5 (the constant), which equals 33. This figure, plus 110, becomes 143 lb., which is the answer.

For a person less than 5 ft. a modification is to be observed. The formula then becomes: 5.5 (the constant) multiplied by inches below 5 ft. multiplied by 5.5 (the constant) and subtracted from 110 gives the approximate weight as 99 lb.

Suppose the height is 4 ft. 10 in. The difference between 4 ft. 10 in. and 5 ft. is 2 in.; 2 (inches below 5 ft.) multiplied by 5.5 (the constant) subtracted from 110 gives the approximate weight as 99 lb.

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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley



DISAPPOINTMENT IN SOUTH-WEST

N. China Settlement Disapproved

HUMILIATING CONCESSIONS TO JAPANESE

[From Our Own Correspondent] Canton, To-day. Further disagreement with the North China settlement was voiced on Monday afternoon by Mr. Hsiao Fu-chen, official spokesman of the South-West Administration, when he regretted that Nanking did not take a firm stand in the face of Anglo-American opposition to Japanese designs on North China.

"Britain and the United States intended to help China," Mr. Hsiao stated. "They were discouraged by China's failure to resist Japanese aggression. Only the 19th Route Army fought against the Japanese, but London and Washington knew that the defenders were not supported by the National Government. As a result, England and America became indifferent."

Anticipating Anglo-American opposition, Japan wants to dominate North China by disclaiming any connection with the boxus autonomists, who are really inspired by the Japanese, Mr. Hsiao pointed out.

The agreement concluded by General Ho Ying-ching with the Japanese is another humiliating concession," Mr. Hsiao continued. "Under the agreement, North China, Japan, and Manchukuo are to enter into close co-operation. This implies Nanking's recognition of Manchukuo, and the League of Nations, which does not recognize Manchukuo, will find China breaking the common front against the puppet regime."

Representative Criticism

Mr. Hsiao's criticism is representative of the official opinion in the South-west. Further opposition against the Hopei settlement will be made upon the return of the South-west delegates, who are to make a full report on the situation.

Canton's disappointment is shared by all Chinese newspapers published in Canton and Hong Kong, which editorially reprobate the concession to the "autonomists."

It is significant that General Li Chung-jen, the Kwangsi army leader, will shortly return here from Nanning to discuss the political situation with high South-west officials.

STORMY SCENES IN PARLIAMENT

Rumanian Member Has His Face Slapped

[CHINA MAIL - SPECIAL] Bucharest, To-day.

Tumultuous scenes occurred in the Rumanian Parliament on Monday during the debate on the speech from the throne.

Deputy Janulescu, of the Goga party, slapped the face of the National Zaranist member, M. Dodrescu, when the latter tried to interrupt the leader of the Right Coalition, M. Octavian, of the Goga party, and one of the Goga adherents started a fight with the National Zaranist leader M. Lupa, so that the session had to be interrupted several times before order was restored, and the Speaker able to continue his address, in which he severely criticised the parliamentary policy, particularly the National Zaranists. — Trans-Ocean Service.

FALSE PRETENCES CHARGE

Hearing Postponed To Next Month

Three Chinese, Tse Sing-ho, Lo Ho-ki and Pang Wai-ming, employed at the Crown Lands Office, were this morning summoned before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy for obtaining money from Wazir Singh, No. 9A Morrison Hill Road, by pretending that as public servants they had a salary of \$250 a month, whereas they were within the limit of salary laid down in the Public Servants' Liabilities Ordinance of 1917.

Mr. C. Y. Kuan, who for the defendants, while Mr. M. A. Shear appeared on behalf of the complainant. The case was adjourned to January 3, 1936.



Gary Cooper, as the sophisticated New York author and Anna Sten, as the simple little New England farm girl, are in Samuel Goldwyn's production of "The Wedding Night," released through United Artists and now showing at the King's Theatre.

£1,200 BID FOR JADE BOWL AT LONDON AUCTION

Once In Summer Palace, Peking

Enthusiasm was aroused at Sotheby's recently by a small jade bowl of exquisite emerald green, which, after an opening bid of £500, was sold for £1,200. This trophy was removed from the Summer Palace at Peking during the Boxer rebellion. It belonged to Mr. John Smiley, of The Albany, who last summer sent a small green jade screen to Sotheby's, which realised £810.

CHANGES IN EGYPT COMMON POLITICAL FRONT

CHINA MAIL - SPECIAL

Cairo, To-day. The efforts to unite all the Egyptian political parties into one common front reached a successful issue on Monday night, the consequence being a meeting of all the party leaders yesterday to fix a common plan of campaign. It was decided that King Fuad be petitioned to introduce the Egyptian constitution of 1923 and the British High Commissioner be asked to resume negotiations with the object of concluding a new British-Egyptian treaty.

All the political parties will meet to-day at the "House of the People," when both petitions will be solemnly signed. The party leaders also propose to issue a proclamation to the Egyptian people announcing the formation of an united front with the object of joining forces for the national aims.

Except for minor disturbances Cairo was quiet yesterday. In political circles the resignation of the Nessim Pasha Cabinet is expected. — Trans-Ocean Service.

NEW RECORD FOR GRAF ZEPPELIN

50th Round Trip To South America

CHINA MAIL - SPECIAL

Friedrichshafen, To-day. The Graf Zeppelin, which only recently accomplished its 500th voyage, celebrated another jubilee yesterday when she returned here in the early morning from Pernambuco, thereby completing her 50th round trip to South America.

The dirigible, which involuntarily established a new endurance record a fortnight ago, when cruising along the Brazilian coast for 119 hours owing to the impossibility to land during the Communist revolt in northern Brazil, will enter her hangar to be thoroughly overhauled and put into shape for next year's work. — Trans-Ocean Service.

SUEZ CANAL CURRENTS

Cairo. New evidence of the currents with which ships have to contend when passing through the Suez Canal has been brought to light by the capture of a large fish in the southern part of the canal.

The fish was one of the locally known "Walrus" species, weighing 200 lbs. and measuring six feet.

Typical of the Mediterranean type of this species, the fish was found migrating towards the Red

NAVAL PARLEY OPENED

British Statement Presented

PLEA FOR CONTINUATION OF PRESENT PRINCIPLES

London, To-day.

The important British statement which started the serious business of yesterday morning's meeting of the Naval Conference is understood to have suggested the prolongation of the principles of the Washington and London naval treaties, with the modifications necessitated by the altered international circumstances and the needs of the individual Powers. The British spokesman also suggested the abolition of submarines.

Mr. Norman Davis repeated the American desire for a 20 per cent all-round reduction and added his readiness to explore any reasonable proposition. The Conference will not meet until this afternoon, to enable Lord Mansell, First Lord of the Admiralty, to attend the Cabinet meeting in the morning.

Interesting developments are expected, as the Japanese are understood to intend to explain their parity claim in detail and will have the floor at most of to-day's meeting. — Reuters.

There will be an adjournment of the conference for Christmas from the morning of December 21 to the afternoon of January 2. — British Wireless Service.

Previous Meetings Considered

NOTHING MUCH DONE

Neither disarmament nor arms reduction is advanced by any of the interested Governments as within the range of practical diplomacy at present. Indeed Mr. Baldwin recently announced a re-armament programme. Limitation at higher levels is the best prospect.

A survey of the three previous naval conferences will indicate the moves toward disarmament already made and show the point from which the conference must start in framing any new limitation agreement.

WASHINGTON - 1921-22.

Called to check naval race. Official title: Conference on Limitation of Armament.

Results: Treaty limiting capital ships in ratio of five for the United States and Britain, three for Japan and 1.67 for France and Italy. Ratio based on *status quo* of ships in commission or under construction.

Guards limited to 16-inch calibre on capital ships, and eight inches on smaller vessels.

Aircraft carriers limited to total tonnages: United States and Britain, 135,000 tons; Japan, 31,000 tons; France and Italy, 60,000 tons.

Status quo of Pacific and Far East naval bases fixed. Treaty to end Dec. 31, 1936, with new con-

Today's Short Story

The Light That Quailed

By J. Storer Clouston

AMONG the writers whose genius has done so much to remove the reproach of respectability from Great Britain, none touched a lower depth of what had hitherto been known as depravity than Paul Scabrett (it was really his grandmother's name; he had French blood—hence his courtesy).

The unblushing audacity of "The Illegitimates" and the daring realism of "When Men Persevere" are still cited as the lowest watermarks in the ebbing tide of English morality. Others in his wake have been equally sincere, but the vigilance of the police had been aroused, and the hour was past.

"P.S." as he was familiarly known among his confederates, had only just avoided the dread tap upon the shoulder, and since his escape the authorities had raised the limit perceptibly. Thus Paul Scabrett remained solitary on what one might call an invited pinnacle, like a tardy suspended from the south cone.

A year passed after the publication of the second of these masterpieces without further outbreak. The Elect rubbed their hands and awaited a yet more stupendous outrage. Another year passed and they still waited; a second year, a third, a fourth, a fifth went by, and many tales became current.

COMMUNISTS SAID AIMING AT CHENGDU

NANNING PLANES DISPATCHED

KWANGSI-KWEICHOW BORDERS STRONGLY GUARDED

[From Our Own Correspondent] Canton, To-day. Unconfirmed reports state that the Communists under Hsu Hsien-chien are but within 35 miles of Chengdu, the provincial capital of Szechuan, after occupying Wenchuan and Kwohuihsien.

Rich people and officials are hurrying away from Chengdu before the Communists' arrival, according to the same reports.

The sudden departure of Communists under Ho Lung and Hsiao Keh from Western Hunan is with a view to joining their comrades in Szechuan. The Hunan Reds have arrived at Chanyuan, Eastern Kweichow and will push farther northward towards the Szechuan borders.

Fearing that the Reds may penetrate into Kwangsi from Kweichow, the Nanning high-command has dispatched several scouting planes to fly over the Red area and see if they show signs of coming South. Three divisions are now taking up their position along the Kwangsi-Kweichow borders as a barrier against the outlaws.

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ABYSSINIAN ATTITUDE ON PEACE PLAN

COUNTRY'S INTEGRITY MUST BE GUARANTEED

Addis Ababa: Abyssinia will not accept any peace proposals which do not safeguard her independence and the integrity of her territory, and which do not conform to the letter and the spirit of the League Covenant.

This statement was made in authoritative quarters here where, however, it is pointed out that the Abyssinian Government is not yet in possession of any official information concerning the scope of the plan.

It is added that the French and British Governments are well aware of the Abyssinian attitude, and that there can be no question of the Paris proposals being accepted, even as a basis of future negotiations, if their contents are anything like what the European Press publishes concerning them.

"ABYSSINIA AS VICTORS"

Hamburg: "I do not doubt for a minute that Abyssinia will emerge victor from the present war since the Italians will never be able to overcome the increasing difficulties arising from the in-climate, the deficiency of water, and the inaccessibility of the country," was the statement made to the *Hamburger Freidenkblatt*, by the Swedish General Virgin, the former Military Adviser of the Negus, who arrived here on his way home after having left Abyssinia for reasons of health.

The General stressed that the strength of the Abyssinian Army was unimpaired, the Negus having already given strict orders to avoid any complications at the frontier, and to let the Italians invade the country in order to

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

H.M.S. Folkestone will leave for Wei-hai-wei next Friday.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Percival Bernard Allan, concrete engineer, of No. 190 Prince Edward Road, and Miss Minnie Plooy, of No. 107 Balfour Road, Kimberley, South Africa, who is en route to the Colony per s.s. Houtman.

The Imperial Airways liner Dorado left Kai Tak yesterday morning for Penang, in continuation of its test flights under service conditions.

The s.s. Santia will leave for Shanghai and Japan ports at 6 a.m. to-morrow.

A dinner dance will be held at Repulse Bay Hotel this evening. A special extra bus service has been arranged in addition to the ordinary time table, as follows: leaving Hong Kong Hotel, 8.00 p.m., 8.30 p.m. and 9.00 p.m.; leaving Repulse Bay Hotel, 1.00 a.m., 1.15 a.m. and 1.30 a.m.

A Children's Fancy Dress Ball will be held at Repulse Bay Hotel on Thursday, December 19, between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. There will be a special bus service from the Star Ferry and the Lower Peak tram station. Admission, \$1.50 per person, including tea and children's bus fare. Tickets can be obtained at the Hong Kong Hotel, Peak Hotel, Peninsula Hotel and Repulse Bay Hotel. For particulars, please apply to Repulse Bay Hotel.

Tsui-ching, a boatman, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital this morning, suffering from the effects of immersion when his oyster boat capsized near Swatow. He was picked up by the Mr. Gustave Diederichsen and brought to Hong Kong.

Ho Sui-wing, clerk of the Hong Kong Hotel Garage, at the Peak was this morning charged with the embezzlement of \$6.00 and with the theft of a quantity, about 33 gallons, of petrol. The case was adjourned for one week, the defendant being allowed bail of \$100.

MEETING OF CABINET

Discussions Open In London

POINTS OF SUGGESTED SETTLEMENT

London, To-day. A further meeting of the Cabinet was held yesterday, at which an examination of the formulas for the negotiated settlement of the Italo-Ethiopian dispute drafted during the week-end conversation in Paris and referred to London for approval was continued. The draft is the result of the joint efforts of the French and British Governments to find a basis of settlement which may prove acceptable to Signor Mussolini and the Emperor of Ethiopia as well as to the League of Nations.

Consultation on the points of procedure, which are an essential factor in the suggested arrangements, are still proceeding between London and Paris and the matter may again come before the Cabinet at its usual weekly meeting to-day.

The texts of the proposed formulas have not been published, but reports emanating from Paris and professing to summarise their substance have received wide currency. Considerable criticism based upon these unconfirmed reports has been aroused and the situation which has arisen was the subject of questions which were answered in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon by the Prime Minister. At their conclusion the Leader of the Opposition, Major Attlee, announced his intention of raising the matter on the motion for the adjournment of the House yesterday evening.

COMMONS QUESTIONS

London, To-day. The Opposition Leader, Major Attlee, asked the Prime Minister at Commons question-time whether, before any further action was taken, the House would be informed of the nature of the proposals for the settlement of the Italo-Abyssinian dispute. Mr. Baldwin replied: "The House is aware that the Committee on Co-operation at Geneva has approved the negotiations by the French and United Kingdom Governments in attempting to find a basis for the settlement of the dispute. Such basis would, of course, have to be submitted for the views of the parties concerned. The Foreign Secretary, in passing through Paris, had conversations on this subject on Saturday and Sunday with M. Laval.

"Certain proposals, both as to substance and procedure, were discussed between them. No suggested basis at present has been submitted to either Italy or Abyssinia, and it would clearly be premature to make a statement on the subject at present."

Pressed to say whether the reports which had appeared in the newspapers were substantially correct, the Premier said: "I have not examined the press reports. A leakage in Paris has made very difficult a delicate situation. I am told by those who have studied both the original proposals and the press reports that there are considerable differences in matters of substance."

NO DISCUSSION POSSIBLE

Mr. Baldwin was then urged, in view of the leakage, to make known the real proposals and replied: "Any discussion in the House before the question can be considered by the interested parties would do no good and might do a great deal of harm. I have spent the whole of this morning in consultation regarding the messages which have been coming through on this matter, and I am not at all sure that finality has yet been reached."

He added that a statement would be made to the House as soon as the whole of the relevant papers could be laid.

Both Major Attlee and the Liberal leader, Sir Archibald Sinclair, as well as other members, continued to ask supplementary questions, in course of his replies to which the Prime Minister emphasised that the proposals were merely a basis for discussion, and that it was a necessary condition, as the Government had always said, that they should be approved by the three parties—the League and the two States concerned.

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ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING HEADMASTER ON EVE OF RETIREMENT

THE annual prizegiving of the Ellis Kadoorie Indian School was held this morning in the school hall, when the prizes were presented by Mr. A. el Arculli. The Report for the year ending August 31 last was submitted by the Headmaster, Mr. A. T. Hamilton, F.R.G.S.

FRENCH ADMIRAL ARRIVES

Calls Exchanged This Morning

TO REMAIN IN COLONY FOR ONE WEEK

Vice-Admiral J. P. Esteva, the Commander-in-Chief of the French Naval Forces in the Far East, arrived here early this morning on board his flagship, the cruiser *Primouquet*, and will remain here for one week.

The Vice-Admiral exchanged calls with Commodore C. G. Sedgwick at 9.30 this morning, the former receiving a salute of 15 guns and the latter a salute of 11 guns.

Next Saturday Vice-Admiral Esteva will call on His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, at Government House, and will call on His Excellency, the General Officer Commanding, Major-General Bartholomew, at Flagstaff House the same day. Flagstaff House 15 guns will be fired in each case.

Vice-Admiral Esteva and His Excellency, Admiral Sir Frederic Charles Dreyer, will not exchange calls on this occasion as they have already done so on a previous visit.

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July 13.56 13.46

Chicago Wheat:

December 95 96

May 95 95%

July 89% 89

Chicago Corn:

December 58% 58%

May 59% 59%

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May 1.92% 1.91

British Wireless Service.

FRENCH PRESS COMMENT

Paris: The press forecast as to the Franco-British proposals, regarding the prospects of bringing about a peaceful settlement of the Italo-Abyssinian conflict, show extreme reserve.

Most newspapers merely publish the despatches from their Rome and London correspondents without comment, and express the hope that Signor Mussolini will adopt a conciliatory attitude so that the Sanctions Committee will not have to impose sanctions.

Le Petit Parisien stresses that

Mr. Anthony Eden himself

communicated the British Cabinet's

decision to the French Foreign

Minister on Monday evening.

Le Quotidien, London correspondent, asserts that modifications have

been made in the plan of the British

note of a formal character

although neither Mr. Anthony

Eden nor Mr. Neville Chamberlain

really effected a solution of the

conflict.

Relics of Queen Victoria

Sale At Riviera Pavilion

Nice: Furniture from the Victoria Pavilion, situated in the Park of the Hotel Regina where Queen Victoria used to stay during her visit to the Riviera, has

been sold by auction.

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The Eight That Quailed

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one of those undesirables who never change their linen. Dr. Gotzmag landed at Harwich and headed for the refreshment room.

The doctor was without any expression, the most advanced thinker in Jugorina-Slavania. (This State was the first republic to make marriage illegal and superstition a capital offence. See particulars in Prof. Bubo Antraxis's monumental work "Culture That Count.") His activities had hitherto been epoch-making, and he was now about to make another.

Numerous collections of literary masterpieces had been (and are still being) published in various lands, embodying gems by various writers willing to supply them at a reasonable price. But these had been local compilations. The doctor's scheme was international, a constellation of masterpieces in every language from Jugorina-Slavania to Arabic. And they should be real guaranteed masterpieces, without speck or alloy of romance, morality, restraint or sentiment.

"Er—you are the—er—famous Dr. Gotzmag?" inquired the distinguished author.

"I am!" cried the savant. "And you? Am I to have the pleasure to embrace the so celebrated P.S.?"

P.S. halted and glanced over his shoulder. The maid was still in the background.

"In England we shake hands," said he and advanced his own. It was always somewhat limp, and the famous foreigner seemed at first to regard it with disappointment. Then, recovering his optimism, he wrung it fervently.

"Come into my study," said P.S. hurriedly.

Something that would have been a prayer of thankfulness in a less independent mind silently escaped from his pursed lips. The day before, Mrs. Scabrette had taken the children to the seaside to recover from mumps. The semi-bearded doctor had timed his visit to a miracle. Paul was patiently educating his helmate, but she was not yet quite ready to appreciate a Jugorina-Slavanian savant.

The doctor gazed round the ample library in silence. Then he inquired in an awed voice:

"Your study—is it?"

"Yes—er—or, well, you can call it my library, whichever you like," said Paul with a careless air.

"Ah! Then this woman, she is very rich?"

P.S. frowned.

"We happened to have a little money between us," he admitted.

The savant smiled knowingly.

"For how long will this one last? Till you shall have spent all her money, eh?"

Paul endeavoured to smile back in the same spirit. He realized that he had to sustain the lurid reputation of P.S. The door was closed and his staff could neither see nor (nor trusted) hear. In a guarded voice, he answered boldly:

"Dr. Gotzmag!" exclaimed the author. "You don't mean the Dr. Gotzmag?"

"He hasn't brought no others with him, sir. But I could ask him, if you wish it."

"Wait a bit; perhaps I'd better see him myself. I say, take away those things first, will you?"

"Have you been in England before?" P.S. inquired.

"Oh, much often! They expel, but always I return," replied the doctor briefly, and returned to the charge. "Your wife have children; yes?"

"Three," the author confessed, with a parental smile.

"Whose?"

"Hers, of course!"

"Ah! But the man?"

"Me, naturally!"

The savant secured the intact side of his beard this time and leered waggishly.

"I once believed them, too!"

P.S. coughed and essayed a more effective change of theme.

"Would you care for anything to drink, doctor?" he inquired.

For an instant his guest's eyes gleamed, and then grew wary.

"In a short time, yes! But first we shall have to talk of business. When I drink, I grow too happy. We will sing together, my friend, you and I! But not quite yet."

Instinctively, Paul's thoughts leapt to the exemplary maid. She had been trained in an episcopal school, and the last situation had been with a baroneted physician to royalty. He himself considered almost immediately "the old in church." But the doctor? He strongly suspected a scientific base.

"I am a doctor," he said, "and

PATRIOTIC YOUTH SOCIETIES

Semi-Military Unions
To Be Upheld

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.

The Chairman of the Patriotic Youth Societies, Deputy Taittinger, has published an open letter declining to assent to the dissolution of the semi-military unions as offered by Deputy Barnegary in the Chamber last Friday.

Shock troops and volunteers, writes M. Taittinger, constituting the core of the Patriotic Youth Societies, must be maintained. He further declares that it will never be against the Fire Crossers. If their leader, Colonel de la Roque, has made a mistake, M. Taittinger does not want his own Society to suffer the consequences—Trans-Ocean Service.

BRITAIN LEADS IN SEA-POWER

Comparative Figures

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Paris, To-day.

In order to correct the erroneous views which appeared in the French Press concerning the Naval strength of the leading sea powers, the Ministry of Marine publish the following figures concerning the present tonnage of the various navies, including the vessels under construction: Great Britain, 1,362,526 tons; United States, 1,371,510; Japan, 830,709 tons; France, 709,076 tons; Germany, 254,949 tons; Soviet Russia, 189,314 tons. The figures for Italy are not given—Trans-Ocean Service.

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In the adverse circumstances which still persist, the withdrawal of the subsidy would endanger the continuance of those measures of co-operation and jeopardise the improvement which had been affected.

The Tramp Shipowners Committee have applied for a continuance of the subsidy and the Government have decided to ask Parliament to make available for a period of 12 months from January next a further sum of £2,000,000 on the same general terms and conditions as before. — British Wireless Service.

POLITICS IN
BRITAIN

Debate On Address
Resumed

LIBERAL AMENDMENT
DEFEATED

London, To-day.

The debate on the Address in reply to the King's Speech was resumed in the House of Commons on a Liberal amendment moved by Mr. Graham White, who along with subsequent speakers laid stress on the necessity of initiating international co-operation for the progressive reduction of obstacles to trade.

The Minister of Health, Sir Kingsley Wood, replied for the Government. He said that in the first six months of 1935 exports to foreign countries with which trade agreements were in operation were greater by over £7,500,000, or 17 per cent. more than in the first half of 1933, when these agreements were not in operation. The British adverse balance of payments had been wiped out, and they had again become the foremost exporters of manufactured goods in the world.

He claimed that the Government's housing policy had had a profound effect on unemployment, and building generally, particularly house building, was now providing employment on a scale hitherto unknown. The Government were giving prominence to an ordered plan for the improvement of the social and public health services. The Liberal amendment was defeated by 350 votes to 143. — British Wireless Service.

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Shin Mui and Wong Kam, married women, were this morning charged before Mr. W. Schoedel at the Central Magistracy with taking part in the transaction for the sale of a female child, Li Mui, aged one year, at No. 1 Whitfield on September 9.

The first defendant was fined \$200, in default three months' hard labour, while the second defendant was bound over in a personal bond of \$100 to be of good behaviour for one year.

Inspector K. Andrews of the S.C.A. said that the first defendant bought the child from its mother and resold it a few days later to the second defendant. The child was noticed by the mother later in the company of the second defendant, and she noticed the Police. The first defendant had paid \$2.20 for the child and sold it for \$3.00 and had pretended



Chubby Norman Chaney (above) is in his Baltimore home, afflicted with a mysterious glandular ailment which has made him helpless and has ended his movie career as a member of "Our Gang."

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It is said that the Central authorities are considering an appropriate measure to deal with this matter. — Central News Agency.

MR. HSIAO IN
TEARSStrong Feeling About
China's Troubles

Canton, To-day. When discussing the North China situation with a journalist friend yesterday Mr. Hsiao Chen, veteran Kuomintang leader, was so emotional that he burst into tears.

The concessions have so pained Mr. Hsiao that he has been laid up with a temperature of 102 degrees F. He was better to-day after being treated by Dr. Huang Chang-sun, a Hong Kong practitioner.

Among those who called to enquire after the health of Mr. Hsiao was General Chen Chi-tang, Commander-in-Chief of the 1st group army. — Union News.

point to compete with imported beer, but our plans for export business were frustrated.

"America's silver policy has had the further effect of, temporarily at any rate, driving China and Hong Kong off a silver basis, and it may well be that, in the future, exchange conditions in the Colony will be more favourable to industrial undertakings, both from the point of view of the lower level and the absence of violent fluctuation.

"In the meantime unhappily, including depreciation and interest, the Company lost 3 lakhs of dollars on their working for two years and their overdraft with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank has reached \$1,100,000 at which point the Bank, not unreasonably, intimated that they required a substantial reduction to be made in it. The directors therefore, in face of the unfavourable response to the proposed new issue, are satisfied that it is not possible for the Company to carry on any longer, and it is therefore proposed that it be voluntarily wound up and that Mr. Butlin of Messrs. Linstead and Davis be appointed Liquidator.

No Alternative

"Needless to say the Board deplore the necessity for recommending that this step be taken, but the present state of the Company's affairs leaves them no option in the matter. Upon the announcement of the calling of this meeting a Receiver was appointed by the Debenture Holders, and so far as it is possible to do so, steps will be taken to endeavour to arrange that, in the event of some form of reconstruction taking place, an opportunity will be given to present shareholders of participating in it."

Resolutions Adopted

The Chairman then moved the adoption of the following extraordinary resolutions, which were seconded by Sir William Shenton.

(1).—That it has been proved to the satisfaction of the Company that the Company cannot by reason of its liabilities continue its business, and that it is advisable to wind up the same, and accordingly that the Company be wound up voluntarily under the provisions of the Companies Ordinance 1932.

(2).—That Mr. S. T. Butlin of Messrs. Linstead and Davis, Chartered Accountants, be hereby appointed Liquidator for the purposes of such winding-up.

After the meeting a private meeting of the creditors was held.

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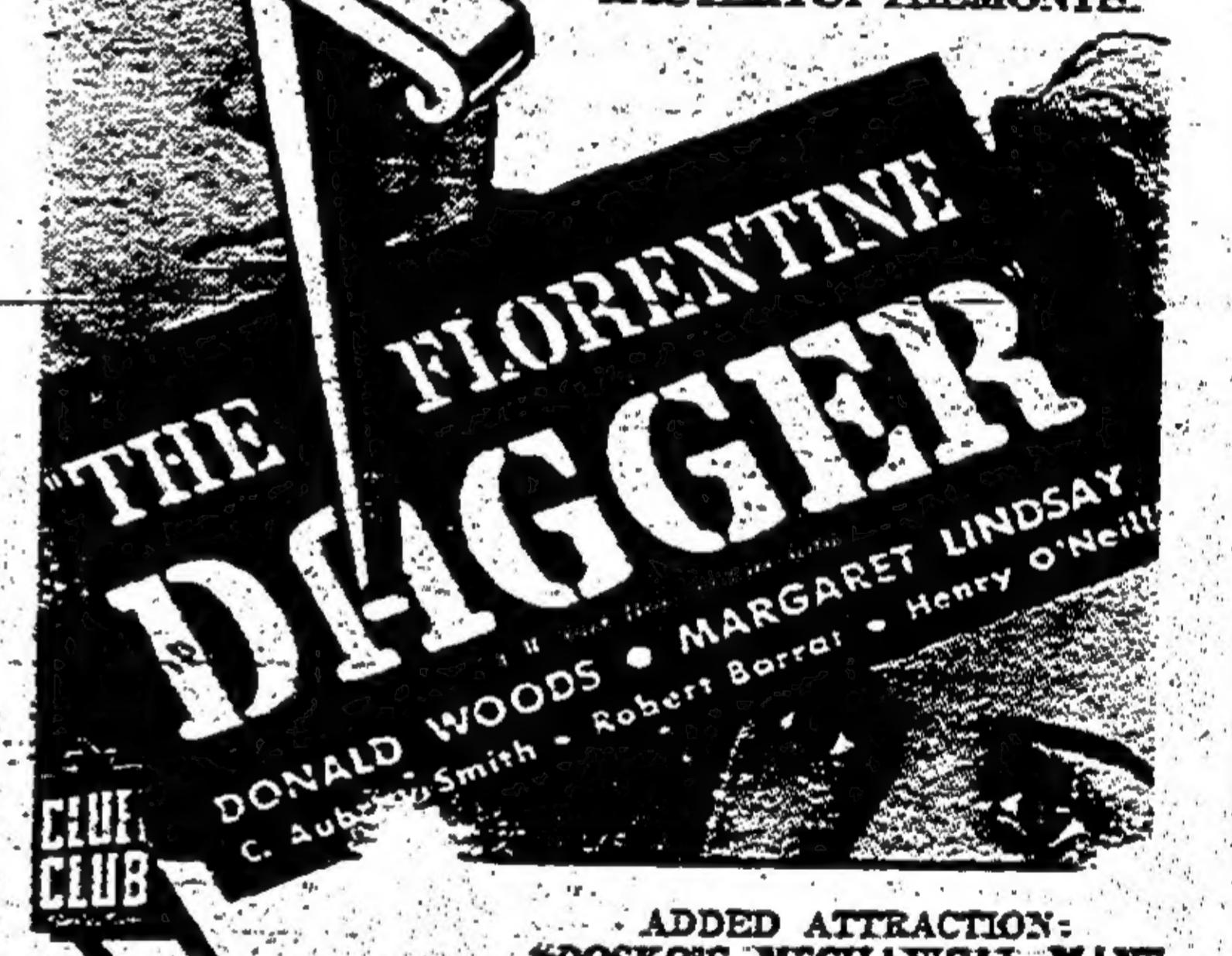
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